

LOCAL NEWS.

PERSONAL

Brief Items of Interest to Home Folks About Their Friends And Acquaintances.

Mrs. C. F. Dyer and little son, of Mill Gap, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. James Wade and wife, of Mill Gap, were trading in town Monday.

Perhaps the bad weather of the past three weeks was what January borrowed from April.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Wade, of Pocahontas, are this week visiting their old home on Back Creek, and were in Monterey Monday.

Mr. J. O. Harnesbarger came in Monday evening and is again with V. B. Bishop & Co.

Little Miss Verdine Smith, of Franklin, is with her sister, Mrs. Dr. C. B. Fox.

For bridles, halters, lines, saddles and harness of all kinds, call on O. Evick for best prices. All work guaranteed.

Dr. J. K. Powers, who is engaged here for a few weeks, received word a few days ago that an older brother, Mr. Thos. R. Powers, had died after a brief illness at his home in Florence, Alabama.

V. B. Bishop & Co. are agents for Armour Fertilizers and American Steel one-wire fence.

A change in the Franklin mail route has been ordered, and bids are asked for on the new schedule. The change makes direct connection between Franklin and Monterey, a tri-weekly service to begin June 3. The former route was from Franklin to Crabbottom.

Messrs. James O. Hiner, of Marlinton, and David Hiner, of Dunlevie, have been in attendance upon court.

Osborne spring tooth harrows at V. B. Bishop & Co.

Dr. G. M. Burton, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Lexington, Va., will be at the following places to do work in his line. Glasses fitted.

McDowell (Dr. Siron's office) Wednesday and Thursday, May 1st and 2nd.

Doe Hill (Dr. Jones' office) Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th.

Monterey (Dr. Campbell's office) Monday and Tuesday, May 6th and 7th.

A full line of ladies' pattern hats in latest styles at J. Lunsford & Sons.

You will find a complete line of the famous "Delinco" oxfords, pumps and shoes for ladies at J. Lunsford & Sons.

Before coming to court, Tuesday the 23rd, gather up your harness, bridles, halters, saddles etc. and bring them to O. Evick's harness shop for repairs. Work and prices guaranteed.

Those who didn't attend court this week doubtless went to the opening of the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. J. S. Thomas, District Examiner for 3rd Virginia circuit, paid Highland a visit this week. He met the County School Board at 1 o'clock Tuesday, and at 2 the same evening, addressed the teachers at the audience room of the school building. He went from here to Bath county.

Our city fathers should not lose sight of the dangerous condition of sidewalks in some sections of the town. The lumber is ready, we believe, and only the matter of hauling and placing remains. That "delays are dangerous" is certainly true in this instance, and we urge the authorities to act as promptly as they may be able.

FOR SALE—I will offer for sale at my place on Dry Branch, twelve miles south of Monterey, 60,000 good shingles about half dry, 45,000 chestnut and balance black oak at \$3.90 per thousand.

HARVEY WAGGY, Pinckney, Va.

The first quarterly conference of the M. E. Church South, will be held in the Monterey church on Tuesday, April 30th.

Rev. G. Dorsey White, P. E., will preach on Monday night of the 29th, and again at 11 A. M. on Tuesday, followed immediately by the quarterly conference.

A. A. Walker.

FOR SALE—A lot of thoroughbred Berkshire pigs. Apply to J. C. SWECKER, New Hampden, Va.

We carry one of the best line of shoes in Monterey. Our stock of spring and summer shoes has been selected with care and are sure of pleasing our customers. Call and examine our line.

E. B. Whitelaw & Co.

Just before going to press, a youth, charged with stealing a horse from Mr. Jerry Vandevender, was brought in by Deputy C. H. Jordon. The horse was recovered shortly after being stolen. It was in broad daylight, and the boy, who gave his name as Wiseman, may be proved to be demented or idiotic.

Rev. A. A. Walker will preach at Hightown Sunday at 11 A. M.

We are exclusive agents for the "Puritan" Corsets. See them. J. Lunsford & Sons.

The Record Broken

April has broken the record for real ugliness. There's no mistake about it. We are all prone to forget, and this admission has been coupled with the above statement, which we have heard repeatedly from many of our old men.

The claim does not apply to the record as to low mercury or one particular storm period, but the month as a whole. Stormy weather set in on the first day and the mean temperature for the month has not been far above freezing. During a great portion of the time snow-flakes could be seen either in the air or on the mountain tops. Prospects and hopes of early spring, born and buoyed by capricious old March, have, like the tender grass and early sowing, met with blight and blast, and the fellows who didn't make garden are kept busy declaring "I told you so."

Eliza Wade Dead

Mrs. Eliza Wade died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Wade, near Mill Gap, on Friday evening last, after an illness of less than a week. Death was due to double pneumonia.

Mrs. Wade was one of the oldest persons of the county, being about 86 at time of death. Her maiden name was Nottingham, a well-known family of West Virginia.

She was twice married, her first husband being the late Joseph Chestnut. By this union she became the mother of Mr. Anderson Chestnut and Mrs. John Wade, both of whom survive her. The husband of the second marriage was Mr. Stephen Wade, who also survives her. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Mr. Brumbaugh were held Saturday afternoon.

Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. The pleasant cold remedy that expels the cold through its action on the bowels. Sold by K. H. Trimble.

John Lewis Marshall

We omitted mention of the death of Mr. John L. Marshall last week, trusting that some intimate acquaintance would furnish the Recorder a sketch of his life. Mr. Marshall was one of the good men of Highland; his kindness of heart, good deeds and true worth as brother, friend and citizen being admitted by all who knew him. Personally we know little of his family, his life or his record as a soldier, and we would be pleased to have some one, who was intimately associated with him, furnish an appropriate sketch.

His death occurred at his home, Headwaters, on April 10, and interment was made in the little cemetery near by.

Since putting the above in type we learn from one of Mr. Marshall's neighbors that he was 62 years old at time of death; was prominent in church work, being a deacon and Sunday School superintendent.

He was a Confederate veteran, belonged to Dangerfield's Co. and Ralston's brigade.

Last week we noted in an exchange that Andrew Carnegie was scheduled to present Emperor William with a "diplodocus" during the peace conference. We became interested, thinking it might be an appropriate gift for our best girl at some future Christmas time, but, thus far, we have chased the "critter" in vain, and do not know whether it has to be caged, is grown in a truck-patch or clipped from the business end of fat securities. It is doubtless something peculiarly Andy's.

Rev. W. S. Trimble will preach at Monterey on Sunday morning instead of at Hightown, according to his regular place.

Famine Fund.

The Recorder is in receipt of the following contribution to the Famine Fund: Previously acknowledged \$40.89 J. M. White 1.00

Total \$41.89

We will remit this amount at once, and deem it best to close the column. Due publication will be made of the receipt when it comes.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Notice is served the public generally that I am now closing up my business in Virginia. Request is made that any unpaid accounts or bills be at once presented for payment. Send any bills or accounts to me for inspection, or to my agent George M. Lockridge, who will forward same to me. If found correct I will at once pay them.

Will the people kindly pass this notice on to any who have unpaid bills against me, or to those who do not read "Highland Recorder."

Respectfully yours,

ROBT. F. GILLET,

Box-Chaunoy Ave. and Guinda St.

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Palo Alto, California.

CIRCUIT COURT

Grand Jury Impaneled

JAMES SIRON. ACCUSED OF MURDER, ON TRIAL.

Array of Legal Talent--Court-room Packed --Proceedings Quiet and Orderly While Fierce Storm Rages Without.

The spring term of Highland circuit court convened on Tuesday morning, Judge Geo. K. Anderson on the bench.

Perhaps as much interest was manifested in this term as that of any court ever held in the county, the same being due to the number of important cases pending.

There were present on the first day the following visiting attorneys: Messrs. Price, McClintic, Marlinton, J. B. Stephenson and Chas. G. Herring, of Harrisonburg, J. W. Stephenson, Warm Springs, B. H. Hiner and Calhoun, of Franklin, M. C. McPeak, and Osenton, of Fayetteville, W. Va.

A special grand jury was empaneled, and three indictments were returned.

The first case taken up was that of the State vs. James C. Siron, charged with the murder of Calvin Morgan. It will be recalled that Calvin Morgan, an old negro man, residing near McKendree church, was called from his home on the evening of November 2 last and shot down in his yard. He lived but a couple of hours, and in a dying statement, mentioned Siron as his slayer. Siron was arrested,

floor, asked to be put on bed, said he was shot all to pieces. "Oh! I can't live till doctor comes—I got nearly to fence, I'm going to shoot," remarked a voice, "O, I reckon not," and started to run and he shot me." Witness on stand 35 minutes.

Emma Miller, Cal's daughter, was at home that night, Cal talked to Geo. Snyder before the shooting, what she heard was said outside the house, knew Siron's voice, was unlike any other, waited on father until doctor came, lived over a mile from Siron's. On stand 25 minutes.

Charles Miller, at Cal's house on evening of killing, heard shot, Clifford and he carried Cal in and laid him on floor, said he couldn't live and must die, Cal said Jim Siron shot him, "phoned for Dr. Siron, Cal made no statement while outside of house, told who shot him while lying on floor, had known accused pretty well for two years. On stand 18 minutes.

Dr. Siron, resides at McDowell, called to see Cal about 7:35, Cal lived until 9:45, talked to Cal, wound on left side 2 1/2 to 3 inches, top of hip shot away, was shot at short range with No. 4 shot, found



HOUSE WHERE CALVIN MORGAN WAS KILLED

brought to jail, indicted by the November grand jury, pleaded not guilty, and has remained in jail ever since. During his long incarceration he has been a model prisoner, always asserting his innocence and expressing warm friendship for the old negro with whose death he was charged.

It was perhaps in this trial that the greatest interest centered. In spite of threatening weather a large crowd was in attendance upon the opening day, many of the number being witnesses. Mr. B. H. Hiner, of Franklin, assisted prosecuting attorney, J. M. Colaw, while Messrs. J. B. Stephenson, of Harrisonburg, E. H. McClintic and L. H. Stephenson, of Monterey, appeared for the accused.

Contrary to expectation, but little trouble was had in securing a jury, not more than an hour being consumed. From the venire summoned the following 12 were drawn, questioned and accepted:

E. A. Wade, George A. Bussard, Curtis Fox, Wm. A. Mullenax, E. K. Rodgers, Fred Dudley, John J. Kincaid, Calvin Smith, Albert Nelson, C. C. Burns, Chas. Hildebrand and J. G. Bird. A stenographic report of the trial is being made by court stenographer, N. P. Parrish, of Roanoke, Va.

Following is the substance of the testimony, on direct examination, of the witnesses in the order called:

Rev. T. K. Clifford, colored minister: lives at Harrisonburg. was at Cal Morgan's on night of killing, some one called Cal twice to come out, was about 7:30 on evening of Nov. 2, recognized voice of James Siron, had known Siron two years, knew his voice as he knows that of many other men, saw a heavy-set man leaving in direction of Doe Hill, it was before moon came up, Cal was lying by steps and said "I am shot all to pieces." Morgan died about 10. This witness was on stand about an hour.

Susan Morgan, wife of Cal; Cal came home at dusk and ate supper, someone called "Hello, Cal, come out here I want to see you," Clifford, Chas. Miller, Emma and her father were in house, Cal went out, she heard shot, Clifford and Charlie carried Cal in, and placed him on

clothing in wound, three or four bones broken in hand, thinks had hand in pocket or at side, load lodged in body, gun held on level when fired, asked who shot him "No one but Jim Siron," told him he ought to be sure, Cal said "we have been the best of friends all our lives," said "I want to go home to Jesus," I said you may not be as bad as you think, and I may be able to patch you up.

Here the first day's session closed—5:40—and the jury, in charge of Sheriff Arbogast and Deputy Jordan was taken to Hotel Monterey.

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RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts 83,265 60
Furniture and Fixtures 453 95
Cash 7,337 41
Due from Nat. and State Banks 61,782 13
\$152,839 09

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Individual deposits 129,435 73
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